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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: SOVIET POSITION

1. SECRETARY GENERAL ANGELOS VLACHOS OF FOREIGN OFFICE TOLD ME JULY 30 THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR EGOV CALLED ON HIM JULY 29 TO REPEAT SUBSTANCE OF RECENT TASS STATEMENT ON CYPRUS. SOVIETS APPARENTLY CONCERNED CYPRUS MAY BE DRAWN INTO NATO FRAMEWORK. IN THIS CONTEXT SOVIET AMBASSADOR STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF WITHDRAWAL "FOREIGN TROOPS" (I.E. GREEK FORCES) AS MENTIONED IN SC RESOLUTION. IN GREEK VIEW, VLACHOS SAID THIS OBVIOUSLY ALSO MEANT ALL TURKISH TROOPS, AND HE WOULD INSTRUCT GREEK AMBASSADOR TO PROTEST CONTINUED SOVIET ANTI-GREEK POSTURE ON CYPRUS ISSUE. SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAID VLACHOS COULD ISSUE WHATEVER INSTRUCTIONS HE WANTED, BUT HE HAD NOT AGREED THAT TURKISH FORCES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF FOREIGN FORCES UNDER SC RESOLUTION.

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2. VLACHOS WENT ON TO STATE THAT TURKS CONVIENTLY SAYING

THEIR TROOPS NOT "FOREIGN" FORCES IN SENSE OF SC RESOLUTION SINCE THEY EXERCISING RIGHTS OF INTERVENTION UNDER LONDON-ZURICH AGREEMENT. VLACHOS MADE OBVIOUS POINT THAT AFTER CURRENT MEETINGS IN GENEVA, WHICH COULD BE SAID TO CONSTITUTE CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE TREATY OF GUARANTEE, PRESENCE OF GREEK FORCES ON THE ISLAND COULD ALSO BE JUSTIFIED.

3. AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, I SHOULD ADD THAT VLACHOS INCIDENTALLY RECALLED THAT AT TIME OF LONDON-ZURICH AGREEMENT KARAMANLIS AND TURKISH PRIME MINISTER MENDERES AGREED TO SEEK NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR THE NEW STATE OF CYPRUS.

4. ASIDE FROM THIS, VLACHOS SEEMED RELAXED AND MORE CONFIDENT AN AGREEMENT WOULD IN FACT BE REACHED IN GENEVA.
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